

Ash Wednesday  
Holy Eucharist  
with the Imposition of Ashes



**22 February 2023**  
**1.10 pm**

## **Welcome to Manchester Cathedral**

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval Parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.

### **The Season of Lent**

Lent is a word derived from *Lencten*, Old English for 'Spring'. The season carries us through a period of self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, a kind of spiritual Spring cleaning. Liturgically, it began as a time when baptism candidates were being prepared for Holy Baptism on Easter Eve. This still happens today – or if we are already baptised we revisit the essentials of our faith and seek the Lord's renewal in our lives.



### **Hearing-loop**

The Cathedral has a hearing-loop.  
Please set your hearing aid to setting T.

### **Have you turned off your mobile phone?**

Please make sure that you have turned off your mobile phone and any other electronic equipment that might interrupt the service.

### **Gluten Free Wafer**

If you require a gluten free communion wafer please inform a steward before the service. Please note that the wine may contain traces of gluten.

### **President**

The Dean

### **Musician**

The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt,  
Sub-Organist

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available.

## Gathering

*Please stand as the President enters.*

President In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
All **and also with you.**

*The president welcomes the people and then continues*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

## The Collect

*Please remain standing*

President Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

2 Corinthians 5.20b–6.10

### **A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

All           **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

○ Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
○ calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desires  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake wind and fire,  
○ still small voice of calm.

Repton NEH 353

*C Hubert & H Parry (1848-1918)*

*from a song in his oratorio Judith*

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92)*

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Reading**

John 8.2-11

Reader      Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
All            **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his

finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

*At the end of the reading*

Reader      This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
All            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **Homily**

The Dean

*After the homily silence is kept for reflection.*

## **Liturgy of Penitence**

### **Self Examination and Confession**

President    Let us call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.  
                  Let us pray.

All            God the Father,  
**have mercy on us.**

All            God the Son,  
**have mercy on us.**

All            God the Holy Spirit,  
**have mercy on us.**

All            Holy, blessèd, and glorious Trinity,  
**have mercy on us.**

All            From all evil and mischief;  
                  from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;  
                  from envy, hatred, and malice;  
                  and from all evil intent,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

All From sloth, worldliness, and love of money;  
from hardness of heart  
and contempt for your word and your laws,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

All From sins of body and mind;  
from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

All In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;  
in the hour of death,  
and at the day of judgement,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

All By the mystery of your holy incarnation;  
by your birth, childhood, and obedience;  
by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

All By your ministry in word and work;  
by your mighty acts of power;  
and by your preaching of the kingdom,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

All By your agony and trial;  
by your cross and passion;  
and by your precious death and burial,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

All By your mighty resurrection;  
by your glorious ascension;  
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

All Give us true repentance;  
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance  
and our deliberate sins;  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to your holy word.  
**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*Silence is kept*

## **The Imposition of Ashes**

President Dear friends in Christ,  
I invite you to receive these ashes  
as a sign of the spirit of penitence  
with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father,  
you create us from the dust of the earth:  
grant that these ashes may be for us  
a sign of our penitence  
and a symbol of our mortality;  
for it is by your grace alone  
that we receive eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

*The congregation comes forward in front of the altar step to stand before one of the ministers. The sign of the Cross in ashes is placed on each forehead as the minister says*

Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.  
Turn away from sin  
and be faithful to Christ.

*After the Imposition of Ashes the president says*

President God our Father,  
the strength of all who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers;  
and because, in our weakness,  
we can do nothing good without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in keeping your commandments  
we may please you, both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**



## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand*

### The Peace

President Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

#### The Offertory Hymn

Jesu, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
more than all in thee I find:  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee,  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

Aberystwyth NEH 383  
Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

President Risen Lord and Saviour,  
present among us with the wealth of your love.  
Cleanse us from sin  
and give us the faith to offer our praise  
and grow in your grace.

All **Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

President The Lord be with you,  
All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.  
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Honanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

President Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour  
and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## The Lord's Prayer

President Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us to pray.

All **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please keep your hands down.*

*Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (i.e. consecrated bread and wine). If you prefer, continuing to receive only bread is also permitted. Please refrain from touching the chalice and consecrated bread must not be intincted (dipped) in the wine.*

*Please follow the directions of the stewards.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the administration points by the nave platform.*

*Please stand if you are able as the President approaches the altar*

## Prayer after Communion

President    Almighty God,  
                  you have given your only Son to be for us  
                  both a sacrifice for sin  
                  and also an example of godly life.  
                  give us grace  
                  that we may always most thankfully receive  
                  these his inestimable gifts,  
                  and also daily endeavour  
                  to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
                  through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All            **Amen.**

All            **God of our pilgrimage,**  
                  **you have fed us with the bread of heaven.**  
                  **Refresh and sustain us**  
                  **as we go forward on our journey,**  
                  **in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
                  **Amen.**

## Ending

### The Blessing

President    Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
                  to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
                  and the blessing of God almighty,  
                  the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
                  be among you and remain with you always.

All            **Amen.**

### The Sending Out

All            Go in the peace of Christ.  
                  **Thanks be to God.**

*Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the music,  
                  readings and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit.*

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## **Weekly Notices for the Cathedral Community Special Events and Services this Week**

### **Wednesday 22 February - Ash Wednesday**

5.30 pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

### **Thursday 23 February**

9 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Friday 24 February**

9 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Saturday 25 February**

9 am Morning Prayer, followed by Holy Communion

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 26 February – The First Sunday of Lent**

8.45 am Matins

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Eucharist

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

## **A Service of Prayer**

Marking the Anniversary  
of the Invasion of Ukraine

The anniversary will be on  
Friday. On Sunday, 26th  
February, the Cathedral will  
hold a Service of Prayer  
at 5.30 pm.



## ARE YOU A VISITOR TO MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL TODAY?

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